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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Suspected plague at Newcastle—Confirming cablegram of March 21.

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES, *April 4, 1902.*

SIR: I beg to inform you that I sent the following cable to you on March 21, 1902: "Department of State, Washington, D. C., plague, Goding." But 1 case has yet occurred and that is convalescent, yet several other suspects are under observation. I, with most of the medical profession here, have grave doubts as to its being a case of true bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

F. W. GODING,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *May 18, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 18, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Causes of death, phthisis, 1; debility, 2; enteritis, 1; tetanus, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 15, steamship *Geo. Dumois*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 16, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 40; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 11; baggage disinfected, 13 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Plague and cholera in Canton—Precautions against spread.

[No. 189.]

CANTON, CHINA, *April 17, 1902.*

SIR: In further continuation of my No. 184, regarding the spread of Asiatic cholera in Canton and vicinity, I have the honor to report as follows:

On Wednesday, April 16, 1902, I received the following report from